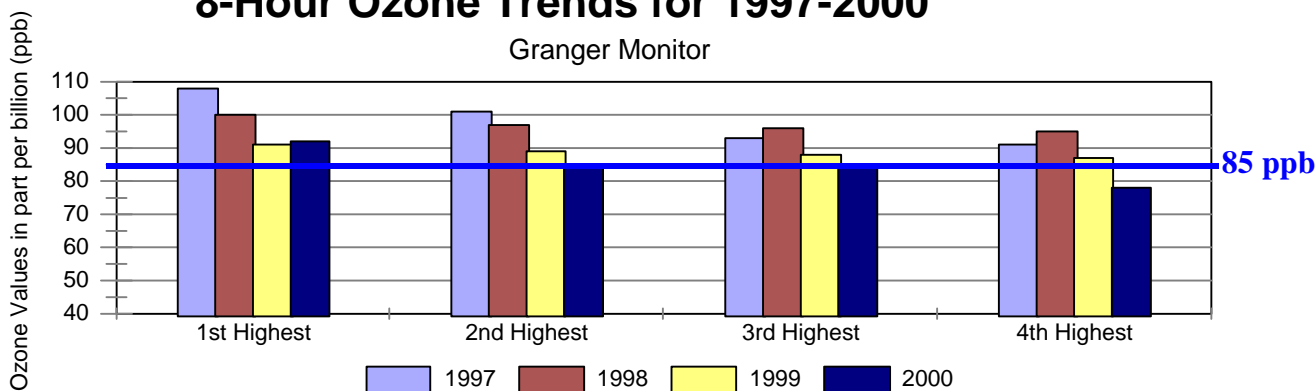
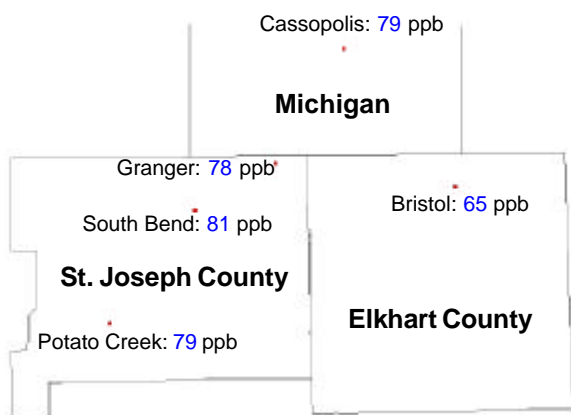


Number of
8-Hour Ozone
Values 85 ppb
or Greater
by Site

8-Hour Ozone Trends for 1997-2000



North Central Indiana 2000 Ozone Values for 4th highest 8-Hour Readings



In North Central Indiana, the highest ozone readings of the past few years generally occur in St. Joseph County at the Granger monitor. The chart above shows the four highest 8-hour ozone values at Granger from 1997-2000. The fourth highest concentrations from the highest site in an area are the values used for determining if an area is in attainment of the ozone health standard. EPA indicated that nonattainment designations will likely be based on 1998-2000 data. For St. Joseph County, the fourth highest readings for 1998-2000 are 95, 87 and 78 ppb respectively. The average is 87 ppb, which may put them at risk of being classified nonattainment by EPA. Nonattainment areas may be required to reduce pollution from cars, factories, fuels, power plants and consumer products to help reduce ozone levels. IDEM, working with local communities, would be required to develop a plan to bring nonattainment areas into compliance with the ozone health standard.

What Can You Do?

1. Get active in ozone planning for your community. Contact the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) to receive local information about taking a proactive approach to reduce ozone and improve air quality in your area. Call (219) 674-8894 for more information on how to get involved.

2. Get in the know about ozone levels. During ozone season, listen or watch for Ozone Action Day information on your local radio and TV stations. You can even get daily ozone readings, forecasts, and monitor data from Indiana's Smog Watch web site. Check out the Smog Watch Web site at <http://www.state.in.us/idem/oam/smog> or call our toll-free Smog Watch Forecast Line at (800) 631-2871 from May through September.

3. Reduce your impact. Ride share; fill up the car or mow your lawn after dusk; and go inside the bank or restaurant instead of using the drive-thru. By making these efforts you can help reduce your impact on high ozone days. For more information on Indiana's ground-level ozone monitoring or voluntary reductions programs, contact OAQ Outreach at (800) 451-6027.

